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Springs Fire Update

Williams, Ariz., July 17, 2015—For Immediate Release. The Springs Fire, located 9 miles south of Williams east of Davenport Knoll and 2 miles south of Summit Mountain on the east side of County Road 73, grew to 168 acres in size. The fire is being managed to enhance forest health and wildlife habitat while reducing the potential for high-intensity wildland fires in the future.

Fire and Weather Behavior: The Springs Fire behavior remains low intensity while all perimeters remain active. The fire grew on 3 sides except on the northeast borders of Forest Road 354. There is a possibility of light smoke in the Sherwood Forest Estates subdivision and from Interstate 40 in the Parks area west to Williams. As Hurricane Dolores spins off the coast of the Baja, Mexico, it will prompt a surge of moisture from the Gulf of California. This means an increased chance of rainfall across Arizona by today and into the weekend. The possibility of stronger thunderstorms, that could produce flooding, will also increase. Fire growth is expected to be slow.

Safety: Whenever firefighters and their vehicles are present along the County Road 73, also known as the South Road, motorists should slow down and limit distractions to help keep everyone safe when driving through the fire area.

There are no closures in effect related to the Springs Fire.

Additional fire information is available through the following sources:

Inciweb Springs Fire- http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4391/

Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311

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